

THE DECISION.

Report of the Arbitration in the Behring Sea Case.

A Closed Season Beginning May 1 and Continuing Until July 21.

Protected Zone Sixty Miles in Extent—The Proffered Terms of Settlement Are Noted by the Arbitrators in Favor of the United States.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The decision of the Behring sea tribunal of arbitration was handed down at 11:07 o'clock Tuesday morning. The first five points of Article 9 are decided against the United States.

A closed season is established to begin May 1 and to continue until July 21. This closed season shall be observed both in the North Pacific ocean and in Behring sea.

The protected zone is established, extending for sixty miles around the islands.

Pelagic sealing is allowed outside the zone in Behring sea from August 1.

The use of fire arms in sealing is prohibited.

The American arbitrators have expressed their satisfaction with the text of the decision.

Baron De Courcel, after the decision was rendered, thanked the arbitrators for the close and intelligent attention they brought to bear upon the case. Lord Hankey and Senator Morgan, in replying to the president of the tribunal, acknowledged his courtesy and hospitality.

The American arbitrators believe that the regulations decided upon by the tribunal mean practically the end of pelagic sealing and that they are better terms than were heretofore offered to the United States by Great Britain as a settlement of the questions involved.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The secretary of state has received cable advice from Paris, which in general terms confirm the Associated Press report of the decision of the arbitration tribunal on all points involving exclusive jurisdiction over Behring sea has been rendered against the United States. That is to say, the tribunal has decided:

1. That Russia did not assert and exercise exclusive jurisdiction in Behring sea and on the seal fisheries therein prior to the cession of Alaska to the United States.

2. That consequently Great Britain never conceded any such rights to Russia.

3. That Behring sea was not included in the phrase Pacific ocean as used in the treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia.

4. Consequently no exclusive right of jurisdiction over Behring sea and over the seal fisheries therein was conceded to the United States, with Alaska, under the treaty of 1807.

The inference is that it is under the last of the five points submitted to arbitration by Article VI of the treaty that the concessions as to a closed season of sixty miles protection and the prohibition of the use of fire arms apply. This fifth point was the one on which the greatest stress was laid in argument by the United States.

It raised the question whether the United States has any right of protection on property in the fur seals freering the sea off the coast of Alaska outside the three-mile limit. The preliminary abstract of the decision received is regarded here as implying that the tribunal to a certain extent has conceded this right. Only in future life will be protected by virtue of an international agreement entered into under the aegis of arbitration and not solely by authority of United States statute. The full text of the award is anxiously awaited.

FIRE AT BUFFALO

Destroys an Elevator and Several Dwellings—Loss \$100,000.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The Coastway elevator, situated on Michigan and Gaston streets, having a capacity of 100,000 bushels, morning about 8 o'clock. About a dozen frame structures, mostly saloons and dwellings, were destroyed.

The elevator was one of the largest in the city, but had not been much used this season, considerable repairs and improvements having been made.

Until a few days ago there was no grain stored there, and at the time of the fire it did not contain more than 30,000 bushels.

The Kellogg elevator and a big lumber yard were on fire several times, but the flames were extinguished before gaining any great headway.

The loss on the frame structure will be about \$25,000. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000, and is fairly well covered by insurance.

Voorhees' Bill Favorably Reported.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The committee on finance, by a practically unanimous vote, Tuesday morning, reported favorably the bill introduced Monday by Mr. Voorhees providing for the issuing of currency notes to national banks to the par value of government bonds on deposit to secure circulation. Mr. Voorhees will endeavor to put the bill on its passage immediately.

Victorious Creedon.

ROBY, Ind., Aug. 16.—Creedon was the victor in the Creedon-Creedon fight Monday night. Creedon was very clever, but Creedon's punches were too much for him. Fourteen rounds were fought, and the battle lasted fifty-one minutes.

Express Robber Arrested.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 16.—John H. Kettell, the negro who did the actual robbing of the Pacific Express Co.'s wagon at Wichita recently, securing \$7,500, was arrested at Kansas City Monday.

Post in New York State.

NORFOLK, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The Catskill mountains and meadows in Delaware county were covered with white frost Monday morning.

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CHINAMEN

Struggled Into the United States by Way of Mexico.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Aug. 16.—It is now definitely known to the federal authorities here that scores and probably several hundreds of Chinamen have entered the United States from Mexico at different points along the Rio Grande during the last few days.

Many of the celestials crossed the border in the unfrequented section above Del Rio. Those who were provided with money made their way to the Southern Pacific railroad, only a few miles distant and took passage on trains for the interior. Others tramped into this city, struggling against the heat being seen daily west of here headed in this direction.

As fast as they arrive, the violators of the exclusion act are arrested by the federal officers. It is expected that fifty or more of them will be lodged in jail here within the next few days.

Twelve are already in custody and although they speak Spanish fluently, all of them claim that they have been in Mexico. None of them have a certificate of registration.

Financial depression in Mexico has thrown hundreds of Chinamen out of employment and it is supposed that the present exodus of Mongolians is due to that fact.

THE DECISION

Of the Behring Sea Tribunal Causes Much Comment in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The dispatches from Paris announcing that a decision had been rendered by the Behring sea tribunal has caused much discussion and comment here among the officials of the state and treasury departments and in the senate and house.

Soon after the receipt of the state department Tuesday of Mr. Foster's dispatches word was sent to Secretary Carlisle, who has supervision over the seal islands in Behring sea, that the grain was sent to the president at Gray Gables acquainting him with the substance of the decision.

The senate committee on foreign regulations has expected the decision rendered, and few of the members were at all surprised. Senator Butler stated that he never believed that the contention of this government that the Behring sea was a closed sea could be maintained. The sea, he said, was too large a body of water for such a claim to be exercised over, and stated that a decision against us on that point carried with it the other incorporated sections of articles.

Senator Butler believes, however, that much will have been achieved if the co-operation of England is secured in the protection of seal life.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

A West Virginian Arrested and Bound Over His Attorney Is Also Under Arrest.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 16.—Charles Price, Marshall county, was arrested Tuesday by Deputy Detective Mehen and taken before Commissioner Lavenner on the charge of forging the name of Charles Price to a number of pension checks. The person for whom the checks were intended is confined in the penitentiary at Moundsville. Evidence of a damaging character was elicited and Price was bound over to the grand jury in \$10,000, in default he was sent to jail.

Excitement was created at the trial by the arrest of Attorney W. C. Mannher charging him with falsifying the trial. Price had shown him the checks when he had not. He was held for the action of the grand jury.

NEW SWINDLE.

Hammered Three-Cent Pieces Passed for Dimes.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 16.—An ingenious scheme in the shape of "hammered-down" nickel three-cent pieces which are passed for silver dimes, has just been discovered here. Thousands of the debased coin bearing in their battered condition a close resemblance to the color, weight and size to the silver three-cent pieces have been passed in the market and to newsboys and saloon-keepers, and the authorities are now after the perpetrators of the fraud, who have secured a fortune in the dollar by a little labor. Of course the inscriptions on the three-cent pieces are aimed to be obliterated by the hammering process.

The Tariff Question.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—There has yet been no sign in either house or senate of an immediate desire to attack the tariff question. Nevertheless, the paragraph of Mr. Cleveland's message which declares that an assault upon the protective tariff is only postponed, causes the friends of American industry to be ready to throw out a skirmish line in anticipation of that battle, and there has been forced as yet no alliance between the friends of bi-metalism and of protective tariff for mutual protection.

Sons of Veterans of America.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—The twelfth annual national encampment of the Sons of Veterans of America convened at Pike's opera house Tuesday morning. The report of Commander-in-Chief, Marvin E. Hall shows that the order is in a prosperous condition.

A Paper House Assailant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—S. P. Taylor, paper company, one of the largest paper houses on the coast has made a voluntary assignment. The Pioneer paper mills belonging to the same company also suspended payment. Liabilities are \$100,000 and assets \$400,000.

To Stay Judgment.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 16.—Gov. Penney Tuesday sent a letter to the members of the state legislature requesting their opinions as to the advisability of calling a special session for the purpose of passing a law to stay the execution of judgments.

Chairman Carter.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Chairman Carter of the republican national committee, is here. He will call the committee to meet in October, probably in New York. He is the only republican leader who has been in the city.

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